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Appointment of five members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. On 1 February 2000, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 2000, would be called upon to appoint five members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of five members expired on 30 June 2000. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 3 March 2000.

2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.

3. At its first regular session of 1983, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from the five regional groups concerned.

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4. The candidates listed below were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 1 February 2000. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II below.

African States

Boutheina **Gribaa** (Tunisia)

Asian States

Tahima **Hussain** (Bangladesh)
Amaryllis T. **Torres** (Philippines)*

Eastern European States

Norica **Nicolai** (Romania)*

Latin American and Caribbean States

Pauline **Sukhai** (Guyana)

Western European and other States

Antigoni **Karali-Dimitriadi** (Greece)

* Current member of the Board of Trustees through 2000, therefore eligible for a second term.

Annex I

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(11 members; three-year term)

Membership from 1 July 1999

	Term expires on 30 June
Selma Acuner (Turkey)*	2000
Esther María Ashton (Bolivia)	2001
Zakia Amara Bouaziz (Tunisia)*	2000
Ana Maria Braga da Cruz (Portugal)	2002
Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic)	2002
Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda)	2002
Norica Nicolai (Romania)*	2000
Mamosebi Theresia Pholo (Lesotho)	2001
Glenda P. Simms (Jamaica)*	2000
Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines)*	2000
Cecilia Valcárcel Alcázar (Spain)	2001

* Retiring member.

Annex II

Biographical information on candidates for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Tahima Hussain (Bangladesh)

Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (first woman to hold such a position in her country). Has also held senior administrative and policy-making positions in the Ministries of Education, of Social Welfare, and of Health and Family Welfare. She has continually contributed to and been involved in several key government programmes targeting poor rural women: Food for Education, Stipends for Girl Students, Safe Motherhood, and Emergency Obstetric Care (EOC), among others. Has presented her country's achievements and challenges on the issue of women's advancement in several international conferences and meetings including, *inter alia,* the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) regional preparatory meeting on Beijing + 5. Adviser to the Women's Officer's Association dealing mainly with the problems, rights and privileges specific to women officers serving in the government. Previously was a practising physician.

Pauline Sukhai (Guyana)

Chairman of the National Commission on Women; member of Parliament (since 1993) and the University Council (since 1997); Commissioner of the Commission on the Rights of the Child since 1987. Economist by profession.

Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece)

President of the Board of Directors of the Research Centre for Gender Equality (KETHI). Under the auspices of the Ministry of the Interior, the Centre's primary goal is the promotion of the policy of gender equality in every aspect of political, economic and social life. Is member of the Advisory and Structural Funds Committees for Women Issues: 5th Directorate of the European Union (Brussels); and the Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Stability Pact: Gender Equality Task Force. She is the national representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the United Nations for the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Also a member of the Political Association of Greek Women; and Greek section of the women's organization Initiative of Women for Peace (WINPEACE). Founding member of the Research Centre of Mediterranean Women (KEGME) and of the Women's Union of Greece (EGE) the largest and oldest women's non-governmental organization in Greece. Has ample experience in political and marketing campaigns in both the private and public spheres.

Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines)

Professor of Community Development, College of Social Work and Community Development, University of the Philippines. Past positions include: Visiting Professor, Institute for Gender Studies, Ochanomizu University (Japan); Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of the Philippines; Director, Office of Research Coordination, University of the Philippines; Executive Director, Participatory Research, Organization of Communities and Education Towards Struggle for Self-Reliance (PROCESS) Foundation. Has carried out numerous consultancies on gender issues including: project consultant to develop gender information sessions for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forums; member, Performance Assessment Team for the Institutional Strengthening Programme II of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); consultant to CIDA-Manila Office, development of CIDA's Gender Equity Strategy for the Philippines; and consultant to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Woman's Programme to assess the Implementation of the Declaration for the Advancement of Women in the ASEAN, ASEAN secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia, among others. Member of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) National Commission, Committee on Social and Human Sciences, and served as Chair for one year. President since 1990 of the Philippine Chapter of the Society for International Development (SID). Most recent works include: *Sisters Under Patriarchy: Interconnections in the Lives of Filipino and Japanese Women* (monograph); "Reflections of the sun on a pearl: gendered lives of Filipino and Japanese women" (public lecture); "Developing women as human resources for trade liberalization and economic cooperation" (policy paper). Currently developing a textbook on "Planning for the empowerment of women: approaches to gender-responsive planning".

Norica Nicolai (Romania)

Secretary of State in charge of Labour Market and Wage Policy, Coordinator of Equal Opportunities in the Labour Market, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. National coordinator of the medium-term European Union (EU) programme on equal opportunities for men and women. Has represented her country in meetings such as the preparatory regional meeting on the evaluation of the Beijing Platform for Action; the International Labour Organization (ILO) Conference on Employment, Labour and Social Policy; the Council of Europe's Conference on Gender Mainstreaming: A Chance for the Twenty-first Century; Violence against women: Means of Eliminating the Violence against Women in EU. Possesses a Ph.D. in criminal law, has taught courses at the University of Bucharest and the Romanian Academy of Management.

Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia)

General Director of the Center for Research, Study, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF). Has previously held posts in the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Social Affairs and the State Secretariat of Women and the Family. Spent several years as part of the staff at the Centre de la Femme Arabe pour la Formation

et la Recherche (CAWTAR). Is member of the Union de la Femme Tunisienne (l'UNFT), l'Association Tunisienne des Villages d'enfants SOS (ATVESOS) and l'Association d'amitié Tunisie-Japon. She has authored several editorials and articles for the periodical *Femme*, and co-authored a study on the rights of Tunisian women and municipal councils. She has served as member of the steering committee for two l'UNFT projects with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on the role of women's status in Tunisian society and raising women's awareness in municipal elections.